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MEMORANDUM

TO: Court Users

FROM: Thomas J. Hart

DATE: November 30, 2000

RE: Amendments to Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, Effective
December 1, 2000

The full text of the amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, effective December 1, 2000 may be found at the following web site:

<http://www.uscourts.gov/rules/approved.htm>

For your information, but not for citation, a summary of the amendments follows:

Rule 1017. Dismissal or Conversion of Cases; Suspension

Paragraph (e)(1) is amended to permit the court to grant a timely request filed by the United States Trustee for an extension of time to file a motion to dismiss a chapter 7 case under 11 U.S.C. §707(b).

Rule 2002. Notice to Creditors, Equity Security Holders, United States
and United States Trustee

Paragraph (a)(6) is amended to increase the dollar amount requirement at which an entity requesting compensation or reimbursement of expenses must give notice. The amount is increased from \$500 to \$1,000.

Rule 4003. Exemptions

Paragraph (b) is amended to allow any party, not just a creditor or the trustee, to file an objection to a claim of exemptions and is further amended to permit the Court to grant a timely request for an extension of time to file objections.

Rule 4004. Grant or Denial of Discharge

Paragraph (c) is amended so that a discharge will not be granted while a motion requesting an extension of time to file a motion to dismiss the case under 11 U.S. C. §707(b) is pending.

Rule 5003. Records Kept by the Clerk

The existing paragraph (e) is redesignated as paragraph (f), and a newly worded paragraph (e) is added, entitled Register of Mailing Addresses of Federal and State Governmental Units. The new paragraph requires the Clerk to maintain, for notice purposes, a designated mailing list that will be provided by federal and state governmental units, including their departments, agencies or instrumentalities, if submitted. The list must be available to the public, and it must be updated by January 2 of each year.

The Clerk of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Vermont will invite all federal agencies in Vermont and all State of Vermont agencies to register with this office, so that the Clerk may include them on the mailing list. Although not required by the rule, addresses of municipalities and other local governmental units may be added to the list on an *ad hoc* basis, as they are received in the Clerk's Office. As soon as this mailing list is compiled, this Clerk will issue an announcement as to its location and availability. At a minimum, a master copy of the list will be maintained at the Clerk's Office front counter and on the court's web site:
<http://www.vtb.uscourts.gov>